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Re: MUR 4987

Dear Mr. Jordan:

The undersigned represents respondents DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee ("DNC") and Andrew Tobias, as Treasurer, in the above-referenced MUR. A Statement of Designation of Counsel is enclosed.

The Complaint filed by the Reform Party and others in this MUR does not name the DNC as a respondent. Moreover, the Complaint nowhere alleges that the DNC has committed any violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "FECA") or the Commission's regulations.

The DNC has no connection or relationship whatsoever with the respondent in this MUR, the Commission on Presidential Debates ("CPD"). No officer or employee of the DNC sits on the board of the CPD. The DNC does not now play, nor has it ever played, any role in determining the criteria for inclusion of candidates in any debates sponsored by CPD or in making any arrangements for any such debates, nor has the DNC ever been contacted about the criteria for candidate selection or any of the arrangements for any such debates.

Even if the CPD had somehow violated the Commission's debate regulations—and there is no credible indication that it has ever done so-- that would not result in any in-kind contribution to the DNC (as distinct from a candidate for president) or in any other violation whatsoever by the DNC of the FECA or the Commission's regulations. The Complaint filed in this action does not contend otherwise.

Jeff S. Jordan, Esq.

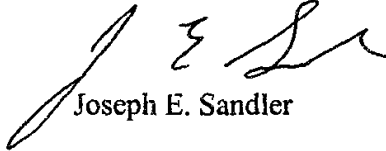
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For these reasons, the Commission should find no reason to believe that the DNC has violated the FECA or the Commission's regulations, and should forthwith dismiss the DNC as a respondent in this MUR.

Any further communications in connection with this MUR should be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,



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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel
and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications
from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

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